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Dear Dr. Stokes:

Please count me as a concerned citizen utterly opposed to animal testing. I am writing to offer the ICCVAM my public comment on three non-animal test methods before they are approved for use in the United States. I am absolutely in favor of three research methods which would replace testing on animals.

I understand that EPISKIN(tm), EpiDerm(tm) and Rat Skin transcutaneous electrical resistance assay) can completely replace the cruel use of rabbits, mice and other animals in skin corrosion studies--gruesome and deplorable methods in which chemicals eat through the animals' skin, causing painful and irreversible damage.

PLEASE replace cruel animal tests with these newer, humane methods.

Sincerely,

Cherie A. Travis